

VANUATU

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Aug 78	Exchange of Notes, France-U.K.	12nm	
	Oct 82	Maritime Zones Act No. 23 of 1981	12nm	Measured from archipelagic and low-water baselines.
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Oct 82	Maritime Zones Act No. 23	Established archipelagic baselines; recognized right of innocent passage in archipelagic and territorial waters; authorized designation of sea lanes, air routes and traffic separation schemes for "continuous and expeditious passage of foreign ships and aircraft."	
III. CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Oct 82	Maritime Zones Act No.23	24nm	
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	Oct 82	Maritime Zones Act No. 23	CM/ 200nm	
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Aug 78	Exchange of Notes, France-U.K.	200nm	
	Oct 82	Maritime Zones Act No.23	200nm	EEZ
VI. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Oct 82	Maritime Zones Act No.23	200nm	Exclusive authority to prevent and control pollution claimed within EEZ.
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed.
	Jul 94			Signed Part XI Agreement, subject to ratification.

b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

1. ARCHIPELAGIC BASELINES

A. LEGISLATION. The following are extracts from the Maritime Zones Act No. 23 of October 1982 establishing Vanuatu's archipelagic baseline system:

An archipelagic baseline commences at the outermost point of the low water line of the Reef off Hiu Island co-ordinate 13°04'18" South 156°32'13".8 East, British Admiralty Chart No. 1575 and, except where the contrary intention appears, following the geodesic lines successively linking the outermost points on the low water lines of the land areas specified below:

Point	Land Area	Latitude (East)	Longitude (South)	British Chart
1)	Vat Ganai Island	13° 15' 10".8	167° 38' 10".5	1575
2)	Vetvai Point on Metlav Island	13° 38' 46".8	167° 42' 25".5	1575
3)	Islet off Meroleva Island	14° 26' 22".9	168° 04' 10".2	1575
4)	Treerock Point on Pentecost Island	15° 55' 38".4	168° 16' 32".5	1575

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5)	Tongeroki Island	17° 00' 38".4	168° 38' 27"	1576
6)	Manidro Point on Efate Island	17° 41' 42"	168° 35' 10"	1576
7)	Goat Islet off Erramange	18° 42' 09".6	169° 17' 43".5	1576
8)	Reef off Futuna Island	19° 30' 42"	170° 13' 44".3	1576
9)	Masi Point on Futuna Island	19° 32' 37".7	178° 13' 34".7	1576
10)	Reef on Anoityum Island and thence along the low-water line to point (11)	20° 11' 45".6	169° 53' 42"	1576
11)	Flat Rock off Anoityum Island	20° 15' 30"	169° 50' 42".9	1576
12)	Reef off Anoityum Island	20° 15' 58".2	169° 45' 25".9	1576
13)	Imlao on Tanna Island and thence along the low-water line to point (14)	19° 34' 51".6	169° 16' 42".6	1576
14)	West Point Tanna Islands	19° 27' 09"	169° 12' 39"	1576
15)	Duntovin Point on Erramango Island	18° 52' 51"	158° 59' 03".6	1576
16)	Tukutuku Point on Efate Island	17° 43' 09".6	168° 09' 02".4	1576
17)	Tomman Island	16° 35' 37".5	167° 27' 17".4	1575
18)	Reef off Santo	15° 39' 24".6	166° 45' 58".8	1575
19)	Remarkable Point on Santo Island	15° 24' 04".5	166° 38' 27"	1575
20)	Reef off Santo Island	14° 51' 06"	166° 32' 00".6	1575
21)	On NW Coast of Santo	14° 44' 51".6	166° 32' 42".6	1575
22)	Thomeuf point on Hiu Island	13° 10' 21"	166° 31' 58".5	1575
23)	On Reef off Hiu Island	13° 04' 18"	166° 32' 13".8	1575